AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, between paragraph numbers [0013] and [0014] please delete the heading "Background" and insert the heading "Summary" as follows:

[0013]   The records kept by the importer and the records generated by the customs broker can be inconsistent. As such, audit procedures may need to be performed wherein discrepancies can be readily identified and appropriate corrections can be made. Existing procedures are error-prone due in part to the potentially large amount of information applicable to an audit, clerical errors in data entry or examination, etc.

~~BACKGROUND~~ SUMMARY

[0014]   In one aspect of the present invention, a method for HTS auditing using a software user interface and a database coupled to the software user interface using one or more layers of executable code includes receiving by an importer from a customs broker an entry packet submitted to U.S. Customs, the entry packet containing information relating to a shipment for importation, entering, by the importer, the entry packet into a first repository in the database, consulting, by the importer, a second repository in the database, the second repository containing records relevant to a plurality of imported goods, comparing, by the importer, the entry packet in the first repository with the records in the second repository, identifying, by the importer, one or more discrepancies between the entry packet and the records, and generating, by the importer, a report identifying the one or more discrepancies between the entry packet and the records.

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